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1. HIGHLIGHTS. TUESDAY WEDNESDAY PAPERS FEATURED
ELECTION; THURSDAY PAPERS FRONTPAGE KISSINGER IN MIDEAST;
BALTSUN FRONTPAGES FRENCH GENERAL'S BACKING OF US FIGHTERS
OVER MIRAGES STUNS FRANCE. COMMENT SCATTERED.

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1A. TUESDAY NYTIMES INSIDE HAD SCHLESINGER PHOTO CAPTION

SAYING US IS INCREASING COMBAT STRENGTH IN EUROPE BY TWO BRIGADES; BALSUN HEADLINE INSIDE WAS US REDUCING SUPPORT TROOPS TO ADD TWO COMBAT BRIGADES. GALLUP POLL REPORTED ON DEFENSE SPENDING. OTHER STORIES WERE: SUGAR PRICE LEAPS AFTER REPORT OF BIG SOVIET ORDER; AEC REPORTS SOVIET TEST; US-SOVIET SPACE TALKS IN MOSCOW COMPLETED; VLADIVOS-TOK COMPOUND WILL CRAMP SUMMIT; MADRID, US OPENS TALKS ON SPANISH BASES.

,B. WEDNESDAY PAPERS NOTED SALT RECESS; NYTIMES REPORTED SCHLESINGER BIDS EUROPE BUILD FORCES; MOSCOW ATTACKS US MILITARY PLANS; NYTIMES REPORTS STOESSEL DOING WELL AS AMBASSADOR; FINNEY WASHINGTON REPORTS PENTAGON AIDES

SUSPECT RUSS TREATY VIOLATIONS.

1C. THURSDAY NYTIMES FINNEY REPORTS INFLATION CAUSES RE-EXAMINATION OF DEFENSE NEEDS; BALTSUN MOSCOW REPORTS COMPLETION OF WEATHER WAR TALKS; ALSO SOVIET UPGRADES IMPORT OF FORD VISIT.

2. TROOPS. WEDNESDAY NYTIMES WHITNEY MUNSTER REPORTED SCHLESINGER CALLED ON AMERICA'S EUROPEAN ALLIES TO ADD TO ALLIED STRENGTH TO MATCH THE INCREASES IN THE MILITARY POWER OF THE WARSAW PACT COUNTRIES, TELLING A NEWS CONFERENCE EUROPE MUST DO MORE TO STRENGTHEN OUR FORCES. WHITNEY ADDS FIRST OF ADDITIONAL COMBAT BRIGADES WILL ARRIVE IN SOUTHERN GERMANY IN SPRING AND SECOND MAY BE SET UP IN NORTHERN GERMANY.

2A. NYTIMES HAD AS TRAILER A BRIEF MOSCOW REUTERS REPORT SAYING TASS SAID THAT PLANS TO INCREASE AMERICAN COMBAT STRENGTH IN WEST GERMANY SHOWED SCHLESINGER CARED "NOT A BIT ABOUT INTERNATIONAL SECURITY." BALTSUN MOSCOW SPECIAL ADDED TASS SAID: FURTHER MILITARIZATION IS PREGNANT WITH THE DANGER OF A MOST DISASTROUS THERMONUCLEAR CONFLICT, THIS STORY ADDING MENTION OF SCHLESINGER'S PLAN TO MOVE MORE US TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS TO EUROPE.

3. SALT. WEDNESDAY BALTSUN PARKS MOSCOW STRESSED UNCLASSIFIED

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THAT DEVELOPMENT OF MANEUVERABLE WARHEADS FOR AMERICAN NUCLEAR MISSILES IS LIKELY TO ACCELERATE THE ARMS RACE AND COULD UNDERMINE EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE ARMS LIMITATIONS, ACCORDING TO TWO LEADING SOVIET SPECIALISTS ON STRATEGIC POLICY, MILSHTAIN AND SEMEIKO, WRITING IN JOURNAL USA, BUT PARKS ADDS IT WAS UNCLEAR WHETHER THE SPECIALISTS WERE DIRECTING THEIR WARNING TO THE US AND THE ARMS-CONTROL LOBBY IN WASHINGTON AS A BARGAINING PLOY, OR TO FACTIONS

PARTICIPATING IN SOVIET DEBATE OVER DETENTE. THE WRITERS SEE THE CAREFULLY NEGOTIATED BALANCE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONRY OF 1972 JEOPARDIZED BY US PLANS TO CREATE FIRST-STRIKE CAPABILITY. ACCORDING PARKS, ARTICLE SUGGESTS KREMLIN HAS A SERIOUS INTEREST IN NEGOTIATING QUALITATIVE AS WELL AS QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS AS PART OF NEXT ARMS AGREEMENT, RESTRICTIONS THAT WOULD SLOW DEPLOYMENT OF NEW WARHEADS.

3A. WEDNESDAY NYTIMES GENEVA SPECIAL REPORTED NEGOTIATIONS FOR TEN-YEAR PACT TO LIMIT OFFENSIVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS WERE RECESSED TO PERMIT THE TWO DELEGATIONS TO RETURN HOME FOR CONSULTATIONS, FOLLOWING KISSINGER'S INDICATIONS IN MOSCOW THAT THE TWO SIDES WOULD REFINES THEIR POSITIONS AND THAT RECESS MIGHT CONTINUE UNTIL ABOUT

DECEMBER 10, BUT PROLONGATION OF THE RECESS WAS CONSIDERED NOT UNLIKELY. WASHPOST HAD ONE-SENTENCE ITEM.

3B. WEDNESDAY NYTIMES FINNEY WASHINGTON REPORTED THAT DEFENSE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS SAY THEY BELIEVE THAT RECENT SOVIET ACTIONS RAISE QUESTIONS WHETHER MOSCOW IS CAMOUFLAGING SOME OF ITS STRATEGIC WEAPONS PROGRAMS IN VIOLATION OF THE 1972 AGREEMENT ON OFFENSIVE NUCLEAR ARMS, ALTHOUGH THESE OFFICIALS ARE NOT PREPARED TO CHARGE THAT SOVIET UNION IS VIOLATING THE OPEN SKY PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT. FINNEY SAID THE OFFICIALS CONTEND THAT CERTAIN AMBIGUITIES IN RECONNAISSANCE INFORMATION RAISE QUESTIONS ABOUT WHETHER RUSSIANS ARE DELIBERATELY CONCEALING SOME OF THEIR DEPLOYMENTS AND THIS ISSUE WILL BE RAISED IN THE STANDING CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION.

4. WEATHER. THURSDAY BALTSUN MOSCOW SPECIAL REPORTS THAT US AND SOVIET NEGOTIATORS HAVE COMPLETED EXPLORATORY TALKS UNCLASSIFIED

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ON OUTLAWING RAIN-MAKING AND OTHER FORMS OF WEATHER AND ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION IN WARFARE, AMERICAN OFFICIALS SAYING THE TALKS WILL BE CONTINUED IN WASHINGTON IN A FEW MONTHS. SOVIET NEGOTIATORS BROUGHT UP AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION THE SIX-POINT DRAFT TREATY MOSCOW PROPOSED AT UNGA IN SEPTEMBER.

5. DEFENSES. MONDAY PAPERS HAD GALLUP POLL REPORTING THAT IN A FINAL PRE-ELECTION SURVEY ON ISSUES, 56 PERCENT FAVORED REDUCTION IN MILITARY SPENDING, WHEREAS ONLY 34 PERCENT FAVORED REDUCED SPENDING FOR SOCIAL PROGRAMS AND 66 PERCENT OPPOSED REDUCTION IN SOCIAL SPENDING.

5A. THURSDAY NYTIMES FINNEY WASHINGTON REPORTED US IS HAVING TO RE-EXAMINE ITS DEFENSE NEEDS, WITH DOD FORE-

SEEING EITHER A REDUCTION IN THE MODERNIZATION AND READINESS OF THE ARMED FORCES OR A CUT IN FOREIGN COMMITMENTS AND A REVISION IN THE GLOBAL STRATEGY OF THE LAST TWENTY YEARS. IN TERMS OF REAL RESOURCES US DEFENSE PROGRAM IS SHRINKING WHILE SOVIET'S CONTINUES TO GROW AT RATE OF 3 TO 5 PERCENT A YEAR LEADING SCHLESINGER TO FEAR THAT US MAY SOON BECOME A "SECOND CLASS" MILITARY POWER, A FACT WHICH, IF PERCEIVED BY SOVIETS, COULD TEMPT THEM INTO MORE ADVENTURESOME POLITICAL AND MILITARY POLICIES.

6. SUMMIT. THURSDAY BALTSUN PARKS MOSCOW REPORTS GROMYKO, AT KREMLIN MEETING MARKING 57TH ANNIVERSARY OF BOLSHIEVIK REVOLUTION, SAID VLADIVOSTOK SUMMIT WILL BE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE FOR THE FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND PRINCIPAL TOPIC WILL BE THE PRINCIPLES OF

A NEW AGREEMENT LIMITING STRATEGIC ARMS AND MOSCOW HOPES TO CONCLUDE A NEW AGREEMENT THAT WOULD RESTRICT TO THE MAXIMUM THE DEPLOYMENT OF STRATEGIC ARMS TO PREVENT A FURTHER ARMS RACE, BOTH QUANTITATIVELY AND QUALITATIVELY, AND TO GIVE NO UNILATERAL ADVANTAGE.

7. COMMENT. OCTOBER 27, NEW ORLEANS TIMES-PICAYUNE HAD EDITORIAL SAYING IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF THE U.S. AT SUMMIT TO SUPPORT BREZHNEV, WHO HAS STRONG OPPOSITION IN MOSCOW, BY SHOWING THAT DOMESTIC TURN-ABOUTS HAVE NOT UNCLASSIFIED

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UPSET THE FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVE OF DETENTE.

7A. NOVEMBER 1, NEW YORK NEWS HAD EDITORIAL SAYING THAT SENATOR BUCKLEY'S CHARGES ARE REASON FOR CONCERN, ESPECIALLY IN LIGHT OF GREAT CONCESSIONS MADE BY US AT SALT I AND MOSCOW'S RECORD OF WELSHING ON AGREEMENTS. NO STEPS SHOULD BE MADE TOWARD SECOND ARMS DEAL UNTIL ADMINISTRATION AND US PEOPLE ARE SATISFIED RUSSIANS WILL LIVE UP TO BOTH SPIRIT AND LETTER OF SALT I IN EVERY DETAIL. INGERSOLL

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